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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SECRETARY'S SPEECH: SUDAN

REF: STATE 156471

1. THERE HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY LITTLE LOCAL REACTION TO SECRETARY'S NAACP SPEECH ON AFRICA. EMBASSY HAS WIDELY DISSEMINATED SPEECH, BUT THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANY COMMENT ON IT. CURIOUSLY, ONLY MEDIA ATTENTION HAS BEEN TO PORTIONS COVERING SOUTHERN AFRICA. JULY 3 SUNA (ARABIC AND ENGLISH), AL-AYAM AND RADIO OMDURMAN REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT THIS PORTION OF SPEECH. THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO MENTION OF THAT PART OF SPEECH APPARENTLY MOST DIRECTLY RELATED TO SUDAN INCLUDING SECRETARY'S POINT THAT QUOTE WE WILL CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY APPEALS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM STATES WHICH ARE THREATENED BY A BUILD-UP OF FOREIGN MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND ADVISORS ON THEIR BORDERS, IN THE HORN ... UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: LACK OF REACTION MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO FACT THAT SPEECH WAS MADE AT TIME WHEN NIMEIRI, FONMIN MANSOUR KHALED AND MININFO BONA MALWAL ALL WERE IN LIBREVILLE FOR OAU SUMMIT. PRESS MAY BE AWAITING GUIDANCE. STATEMENTS BY NIMEIRI AND OTHERS AT OAU MAY HAVE CROWDED SECRETARY'S SPEECH OFF FRONT PAGES, BUT WE DOUBT THIS SO. USG
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PRONOUNCEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION HAVE BEEN COVERED FULLY AND HAVE ELICITED PRESS AND OFFICIAL COMMENT (KHARTOUM 2206).

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT MADE EFFORT TO DISCUSS SPEECH WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS PARTLY BECAUSE WE ANTICIPATED REQUEST FOR PBQERPRETATION OF PASSAGE CITED PARA 1. PREVIOUSLY WE HAVE

TOLD SUDANGOV WE WOULD CONSIDER QUOTE SERIOUSLY UNQUOTE
REQUESTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT. LANGUAGE OF PASSAGE WITH
REFERENCE TO QUOTE SYMPATHETIC UNQUOTE CONSIDERATION
SUGGESTS SOMEWHAT GREATER WILLINGNESS ON OUR PART TO
RESPOND FAVORABLY TO SUDANESE REQUESTS. APART FROM SPEECH,
HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN ADVISED BY DEPT
THAT THIS IN FACT IS TRUE. BOGOSIAN

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